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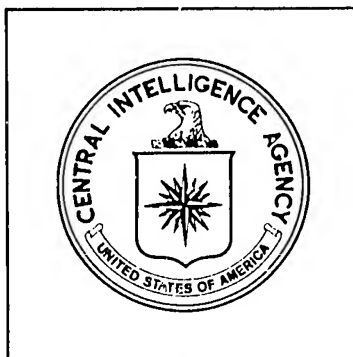
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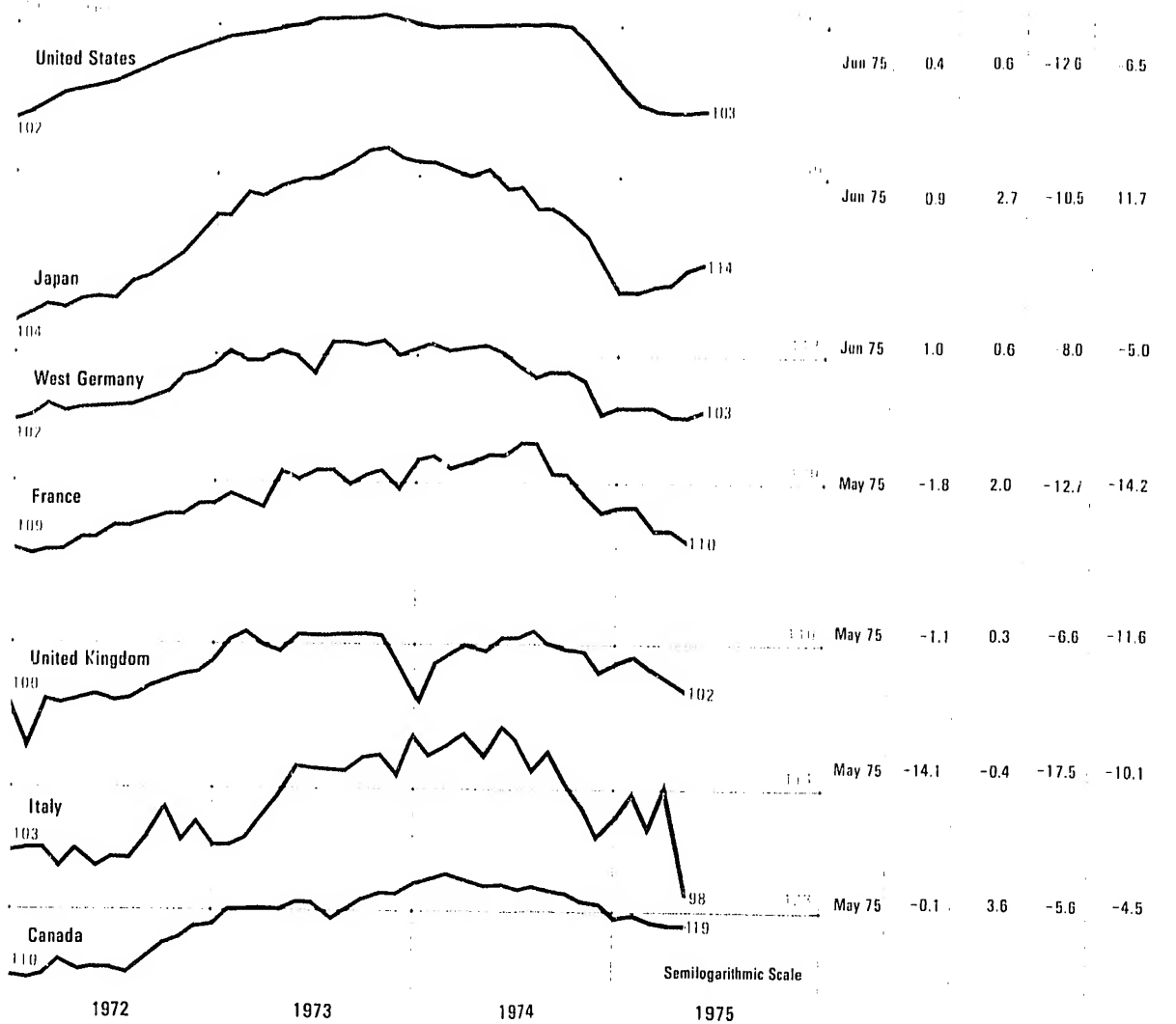
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STATINTL

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION¹

INDEX: 1970 = 100



GNP¹

Constant Market Prices

	Latest Quarter	Average Annual Growth Rate Since			
		Percent Change from Previous Quarter	1970	1 Year Earlier	Previous Quarter
United States	75 II	-0.1	1.6	-5.8	-0.3
Japan	75 I	-0.8	5.1	1.3	-3.0
West Germany	75 I	-3.1	1.7	-4.6	-11.9
France	74 IV	-3.5	4.4	-0.5	-13.4
United Kingdom	75 I	-2.4	2.2	1.7	-9.2
Italy	74 IV	-4.3	2.2	-3.5	-16.0
Canada	75 I	-1.4	4.2	-2.8	-5.4

RETAIL SALES¹

Constant Prices

	Latest Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since			
		Percent Change from Previous Month	1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ²
United States	Jun 75	-0.2	2.1	-0.9	6.0
Japan	Mar 75	2.3	2.3	0.2	-6.9
West Germany	May 75	-1.8	1.8	-0.9	2.5
France	May 75	1.0	-0.2	-3.9	2.8
United Kingdom	Jun 75	2.4	1.2	-3.0	-8.1
Italy	Feb 75	8.3	4.4	-11.5	-7.0
Canada	May 75	2.4	4.1	-0.4	-2.9

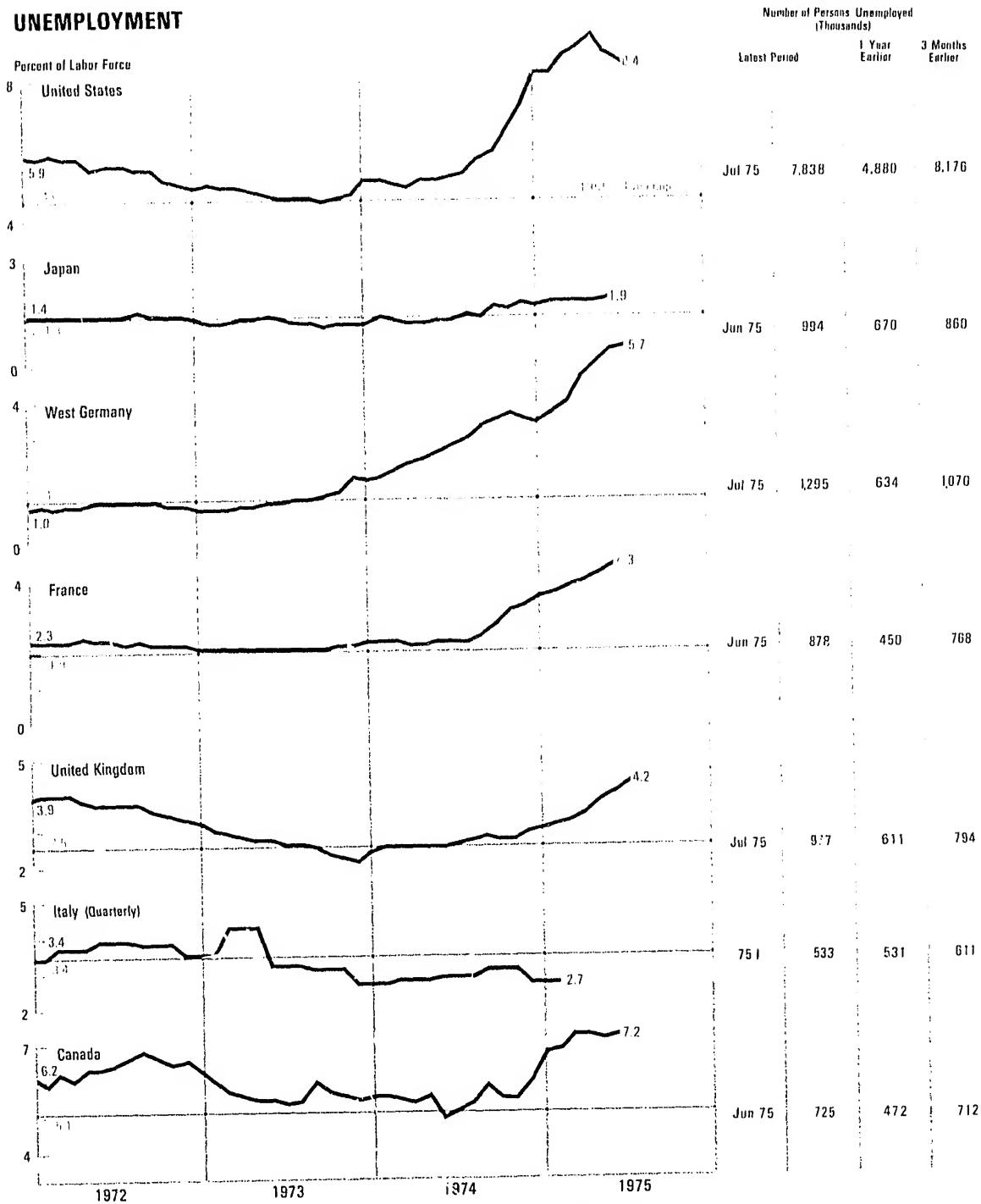
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UNEMPLOYMENT

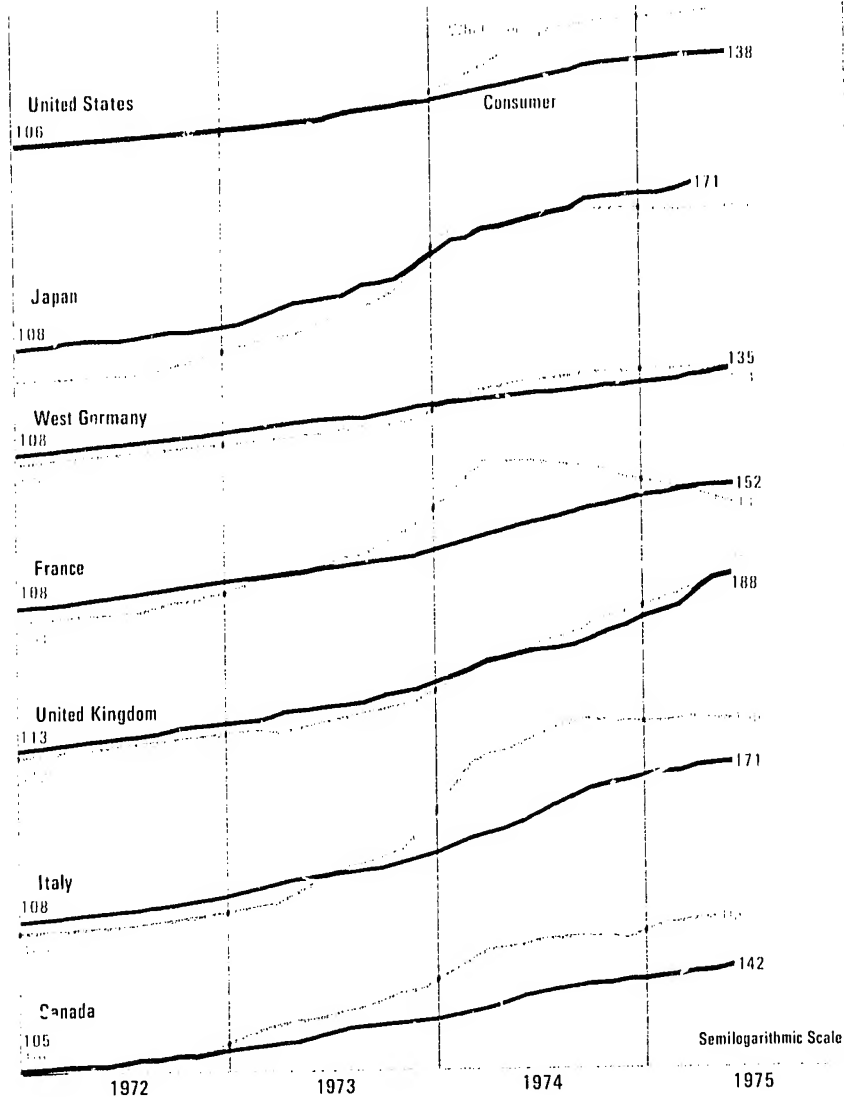


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NOTE: Data are seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rates for France are estimated. The rates shown for Japan, Italy, and Canada are roughly comparable to US rates. The rates for France and the United Kingdom should be increased by about 30% and 15%, respectively, and those for West Germany decreased by 20% to be roughly comparable with US rates.

DOMESTIC PRICES³

INDEX: 1970 = 100



Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
		1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
Jun 75	0.8	6.7	9.3	7.3
Apr 75	2.2	11.9	13.6	14.8
Jun 75	0.7	6.3	6.4	8.7
Jun 75	0.7	8.9	11.7	9.8
Jun 75	1.9	13.5	26.0	48.0
Jun 75	0.9	11.4	19.1	12.6
Jun 75	1.5	7.3	10.4	11.9

MONEY SUPPLY¹

	Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ²
United States	Jun 75	1.5	6.4	5.0	8.4
Japan	Apr 75	2.3	16.1	10.9	13.1
West Germany	May 75	0.9	9.8	13.6	11.6
France	Mar 75	2.3	12.1	11.5	1.0
United Kingdom	Jun 75	0.3	9.7	15.7	15.7
Italy	Dec 74	-1.9	18.3	10.0	-2.6
Canada	May 75	-0.4	12.1	6.0	21.7

WAGES IN MANUFACTURING⁴

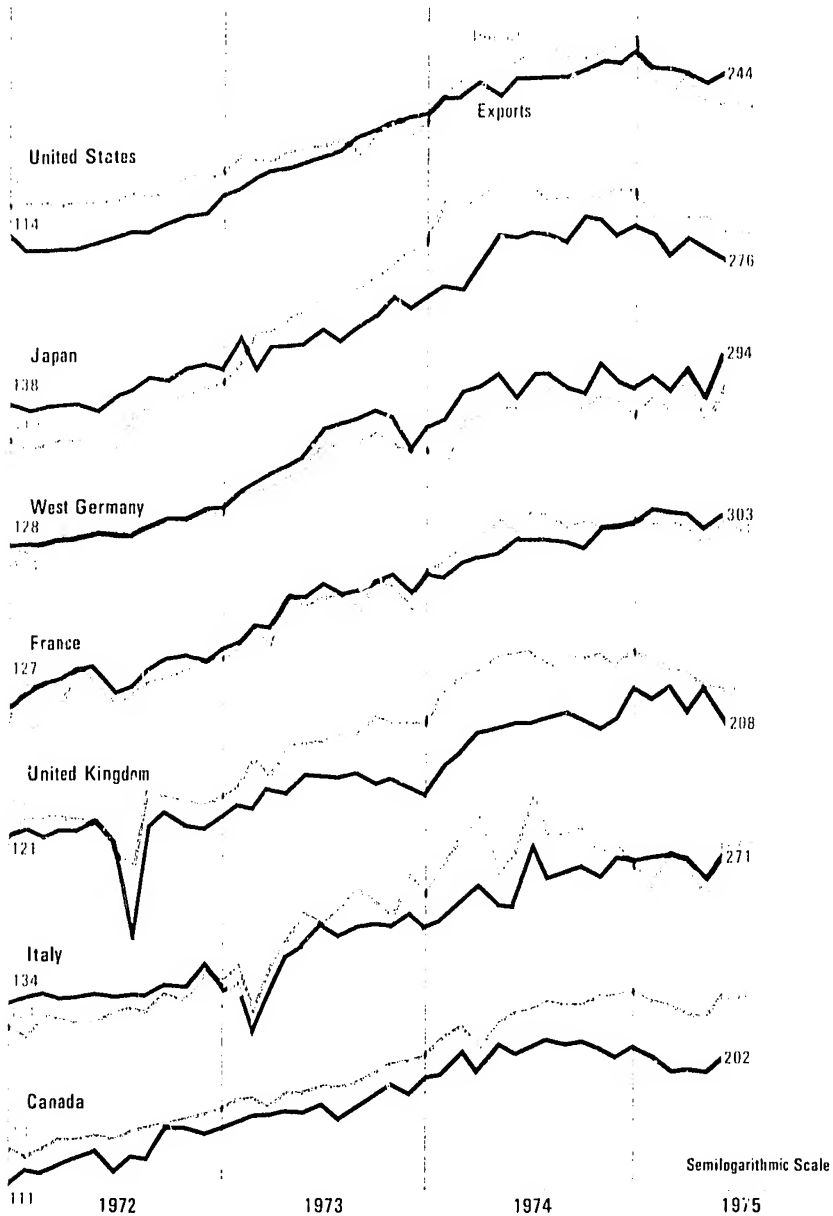
	Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Period	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ²
United States ¹	May 75	0.6	7.3	10.1	8.9
Japan ¹	Apr 75	-2.5	22.2	28.4	34.2
West Germany	75 I	4.5	11.0	11.0	19.0
France	75 II	3.4	14.1	18.5	14.2
United Kingdom	Jun 75	-0.4	16.1	29.9	41.3
Italy	Apr 75	0	19.7	3.5	66.5
Canada ¹	Apr 75	0	10.8	17.2	15.6

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FOREIGN TRADE¹

INDEX: 1970=100 (I o b / I o b)



	Latest Month	Cumulative (Million US \$)		
		1975	1974	Change
Jun 75	8,692	52,323	46,401	12.8%
Balance	1,737	5,433	-17	5,450
Jun 75	4,367	27,946	24,683	13.2%
Balance	483	3,575	-1,323	4,899
Jun 75	8,396	46,331	42,837	8.2%
Balance	1,945	10,945	11,846	-901
Jun 75	4,552	27,096	22,041	22.9%
Balance	154	1,513	-1,696	3,209
Jun 75	3,279	21,123	16,905	25.0%
Balance	-385	-2,819	-6,240	3,421
Jun 75	2,986	16,806	13,581	23.7%
Balance	-207	-141	-4,523	4,382
Jun 75	2,700	15,966	15,823	0.9%
Balance	-297	-1,099	776	-1,876

BASIC BALANCE⁵

Current and Long-Term Capital Transactions

		Latest Period	Cumulative (Million US \$)		
		Million US \$	1975	1974	Change
United States ¹	75 I	-475	-475	1,624	-2,099
Japan	Jun 75	182	-746	-8,287	7,541
West Germany	Jun 75	-347	-196	4,501	-4,697
France	75 I	187	187	-1,157	1,344
United Kingdom	75 I	-1,841	-1,841	-1,191	-642
Italy	74 IV	-877	N.A.	-5,909	N.A.
Canada	75 I	-1,625	-1,625	-71	-1,554

OFFICIAL RESERVES

	Billion US \$				
	Latest Month	1 Year			3 Months
	End of	Billion US \$	Jun 1970	Earlier	Earlier
United States	Jun 75	16.2	14.5	14.9	16.3
Japan	Jun 75	14.6	4.1	13.4	14.2
West Germany	Jun 75	32.7	8.8	34.2	34.4
France	Jun 75	10.5	4.4	8.2	9.4
United Kingdom	Jul 75	6.3	2.8	6.7	7.3
Italy	Jun 75	6.7	4.7	5.3	6.8
Canada	Jun 75	5.3	4.3	6.1	5.8

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MONEY MARKET RATES

	Representative Rate's	Latest Date	Percent Rate of Interest			
				1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier	1 Month Earlier
United States	Dealer placed finance paper	Jul 30	6.38	11.45	5.98	6.20
Japan	Call money	Jul 18	11.00	12.50	11.50	10.50
West Germany	Interbank loans (3 months)	Jul 30	4.56	9.20	4.92	4.92
France	Call money	Jul 25	7.00	13.75	8.00	7.00
United Kingdom	Sterling interbank loans (3 months)	Jul 30	10.50	13.39	10.06	9.64
Canada	Finance paper	Jul 30	7.70	11.53	7.60	7.38
Eurodollars	Three-month deposits	Jul 30	7.06	13.31	6.69	6.84

EXPORT PRICES

National Currency	Average Annual Growth Rate Since				
	Percent Change Latest Month	From Previous Month	1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
United States	May 75	-0.3	12.5	18.0	-1.2
Japan	May 75	-1.8	8.3	2.9	-25.6
West Germany	Jun 75	0.2	5.8	7.4	5.0
France	Mar 75	2.1	10.6	15.7	-13.1
United Kingdom	Jun 75	1.3	14.5	18.9	19.4
Italy	Apr 75	-1.1	15.5	17.5	-3.2
Canada	Mar 75	1.4	12.9	16.4	11.9

IMPORT PRICES

National Currency	Average Annual Growth Rate Since				
	Percent Change Latest Month	From Previous Month	1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
United States	May 75	-1.0	17.6	12.5	10.8
Japan	May 75	1.2	14.3	3.3	-34.9
West Germany	Jun 75	-0.6	4.8	-2.2	-0.6
France	Mar 75	-3.4	12.7	7.2	-26.9
United Kingdom	Jun 75	-0.4	19.2	7.3	-2.3
Italy	Apr 75	-1.6	21.5	7.2	-7.6
Canada	Mar 75	1.2	13.2	21.7	20.5

EXPORT PRICES

US \$	Average Annual Growth Rate Since				
	Percent Change Latest Month	From Previous Month	1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
United States	May 75	-0.3	12.5	18.0	-1.2
Japan	May 75	-1.6	13.0	-1.8	-24.9
West Germany	Jun 75	0.3	15.8	16.1	1.5
France	Mar 75	4.1	17.3	32.8	17.2
United Kingdom	Jun 75	-0.6	13.3	13.3	-5.9
Italy	Apr 75	-1.6	15.1	17.7	3.8
Canada	Mar 75	1.5	14.0	13.1	6.6

EXCHANGE RATES

Spot Rate As of 8 Aug 75	Percent Change from				
	US \$ Per Unit	Dec 66	18 Dec 71	19 Mar 73	1 Aug 75
Japan (yen)	0.0034	21.75	3.45	-11.67	0.06
West Germany (Deutsche mark)	0.3870	53.94	24.72	9.29	-0.59
France (franc)	0.2282	13.03	15.90	3.54	-0.35
United Kingdom (pound sterling)	2.1025	-24.66	19.31	-14.57	-2.14
Italy (lira)	0.0015	-6.75	-13.20	-15.63	-0.60
Canada (dollar)	0.9670	4.84	-3.09	-3.08	-0.26

TRADE-WEIGHTED EXCHANGE RATES⁶

As of 8 Aug 75

	Percent Change from			
	Dec 66	18 Dec 71	19 Mar 73	1 Aug 75
United States	-12.13	-2.87	3.72	0.36
Japan	14.27	0.68	-11.17	-0.27
West Germany	29.96	12.95	7.87	-0.40
France	-8.55	4.62	2.11	-0.01
United Kingdom	-47.14	-32.27	-17.46	-2.00
Italy	-29.82	-28.50	-21.50	-0.26
Canada	3.40	-3.19	-1.55	-0.07

FOOTNOTES FOR WEEKLY INDICATORS

- Seasonally adjusted.
- Average for latest 3 months compared with average for previous 3 months.
- Wholesale price indexes cover industrial goods.
- Hourly earnings for the United States, Japan, and Canada; hourly wage rates for others. West German and French data are for the beginning of the quarter.
- Converted to US dollars at the current market rates of exchange.
- Weighting is based on each listed country's trade with 16 other industrialized countries to reflect the competitive impact of exchange rate variations among the major currencies.

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